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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the specification, on page 1, line 3, between the title of the invention "A Therapeutic Bed" and the "Background of the Invention" please insert the following section heading and paragraph:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application claims priority to ~~and is a continuation-in-part of~~
PCT/IE96/00087 filed Dec. 17, 1996, which entered the United States national stage on
June 18, 1998, ^{and a con of} ~~as~~ U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/099,397, ^{FILED 06/18/98} which issued as U.S.
Patent No. 6,112,349 on Sept. 5, 2000. This application also claims priority to Ireland
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In the specification, on page 3, line 22, before the paragraph starting "The invention," please insert the following paragraphs: